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SUBJECT: APPARENT SURVEILLANCE OF AMERICAN CONGEN EMPLOYEES BY
UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS

- 1. RECENTLY AN EARLY 1960'S, LIGHT BLUE PEUGEOT, LICENSE NO.
 34 AL 651 WAS SEEN IN CIHANGIR AREA OF ISTANBUL IN WHICH
 SEVERAL CONGEN AMERICAN EMPLOYEES AND U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL
 LIVE OBSERVING RESIDENTS OF THAT AREA. VEHICLE REMAINED THERE
 APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR (1600 TO 1700 HOURS) AND WAS OCCUPIED BY
 TWO YOUNG MEN, BELIEVED TO BE TURKS; LATER ONE OF THE MEN WAS
 REPLACED BY A FEMALE.
- 2. SOME DAYS LATER AN AMERICAN CONGEN EMPLOYEE'S VEHICLE WAS FOLLOWED FROM CONGEN FOR SEVERAL BLOCKS BY THIS PUEGEOT. VEHICLE HAS BEEN OBSERVED PASSING BY CONSULATE GENERAL SEVERAL TIMES SINCE THEN, MOST RECENTLY ON NOVEMBER 3 WHEN IT WAS SEEN AT 0730 IN THE MORNING AND A VEHICLE, WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN THE SAME ONE, PASSED BY TWICE IN FEW MINUTES' TIME DURING AFTERNOON SAME DAY.
- 3. RSO HAS DISCUSSED ABOVE INCIDENTS WITH TURKISH NATIONAL POLICE BUT SO FAR THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PRESENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OWNER OF VEHICLE. POLICE HAVE ISSUED ORDER THAT, IF VEHICLE

IS SPOTTED BY TRAFFIC POLICE OR ANY OF POLICE AT CONSULATE GENERAL, IT IS TO BE STOPPED AND OCCUPANTS ARE TO BE DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING. RSO HAS ALSO REQUESTED AND OBTAINED POLICE COVERAGE IN RESIDENCE AREA WHERE VEHICLE WAS FIRST SEEN. ADDITIONAL POLICE COVERAGE BEING GIVEN TO CONSULATE GENERAL DURING BUSINESS HOURS.

4. CONGEN EMPLOYEES AND MILITARY WHO LIVE IN AREA WHERE VEHICLE WAS INITIALLY SEEN HAVE BEEN BRIEFED CONCERNING SITUATION AND HAVE BEEN REQUESTED IMMEDIATELY TO ADVISE RSO IF CAR SIGHTED OR IF THERE ARE ANY UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES. OGDEN

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